

Applicants present the claims as amended below and enclose a separate sheet indicating the amendments to the claims with bracketing and underlining.

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11. (Twice Amended) A computer system comprising:

F1 a heterogeneous plurality of host computers including at least a first host computer comprising a first platform and a second computer comprising a second platform different from the first platform;

a plurality of primary storage devices to receive and store data in the devices, each primary storage device being associated with at least one of the host computers; and a secondary storage device to receive and store data in the device, coupled to a plurality of the primary storage devices, the secondary storage device being configured to receive backup data from each of the host computers.

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F2 19. (Five Times Amended) A method of transferring data from at least one of a plurality of primary storage elements to a secondary storage element, the method comprising steps of: automatically establishing a first connection through a network from a first one of the primary storage elements, which serves as primary non-backup storage for a host computer coupled thereto, to the secondary storage element to transfer a first logical object to the secondary storage element; and

transferring the first logical object from the first one of the primary storage elements directly to the secondary storage element over the first connection.

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